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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM : SAC, NEWARK (100-0)

DATE: 5/28/58

SUBJECT: NEW YORK SAUCER INFORMATION BUREAU
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New York 24, New York
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On 5/12/58, IVAN SANDERSON, Knowlton Township, New Jersey, telephonically contacted the Newark Office of the FBI and advised that he desired to speak to an Agent concerning some information which he felt might be of a subversive nature.

Previous contact with IVAN SANDERSON in connection with an ITSMV case disclosed that SANDERSON is an author and owner of numerous rare animals and is a frequent guest on the GARRY MOORE Television Show in New York City. SANDERSON has also written numerous articles on unidentified flying objects (UFO) and attends many meetings of various groups interested in unidentified flying objects.

On May 16, 1958, SANDERSON, along with HANS STEFAN SANTESSON, Editor, King Size Publications, Inc., 320 Fifth Avenue, New York City, were interviewed at SANDERSON's residence, Knowlton Township, N.J. SANDERSON and SANTESSON advised that a former major of the Air Force, WAYNE S. AHO, who is the Director of Washington Saucer Intelligence, Post Office Box #815, Washington, D.C., in January of 1958 was instrumental in establishing the New York Saucer Information Bureau. An individual by the name of DOUGLAS DEANE is believed to be Director of the New York Saucer Information Bureau (NYSIB). DEANE is an unemployed radio actor and a member of the New York City AFTRA. ARTHUR AHO, who is a brother of WAYNE AHO, is also believed to hold some position in the NYSIB.

LESTER LEVINSON, no address known, no official position with organization known, promotes meetings sponsored

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by the NYSIB. LEVINSON has also promoted various individuals who have appeared on radio and television programs relating experiences with unidentified flying objects.

SANDERSON and SANTESSON advised that after the formation of the NYSIB the first few meetings held in New York City at various halls dealt primarily with UFO matters but that in approximately February of 1958, in a meeting at the Palm Gardens, Eighth Avenue and 52nd Street, one ~~JOHN OTTO~~ from Chicago, N.Y. spoke at the NYSIB meeting. In this meeting OTTO denounced the Government of the United States and urged all people in attendance at the meeting to write to their Congressmen saying that we should give up our arms, do away with secrecy in the Government, and that the American people are all being victims of the politicians in Washington, D.C. At this same meeting DOUGLAS DEANE, previously mentioned, made a speech in which he stated in essence that the Government was controlled by secrecy and was against the majority of the people. He urged that the word should be spread by people in attendance at the meeting to lay down our arms, stop nuclear tests and that Russia should not be blamed for the present world tensions.

SANDERSON and SANTESSON advised that after February, 1958, all meetings since that time, when any requests are made of the audience, the requests are not in connection with scientific or factual information concerning unidentified flying objects, but are rather requests for the people to write their Congressmen to stop the nuclear war, to tear down our national defense, and to stop secrecy in the Government.

SANDERSON and SANTESSON advised that in addition to persons previously mentioned attending these meetings, the following individuals have been in attendance:

~~DANIEL FRY~~ U.S.
Address unknown

~~TRUMAN BETHERUM~~
No address
California home state

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~~CORTLAND HASTINGS~~
Regional Director
of World Federalists
New York City N.Y.

SANDERSON advised that he has done extensive research in connection with unidentified flying objects and that he is alarmed at the way meetings have been conducted by the NYSIB. He advised that he had spent fourteen years in the British Intelligence Service and that the methods used by the persons behind the NYSIB could compromise a very effective courier system between the Russians and the Communists in the United States. SANDERSON advised that the NYSIB has connections in several foreign countries, namely Brazil, Argentina, England, France and Canada. He also advised that all of the above persons mentioned in connection with the NYSIB seem to have no particular jobs or visible means of support, yet they travel continuously over the country attending various meetings of groups gathered together for the purpose of discussing unidentified flying objects. SANDERSON also advised that these persons do not appear to be trying to capitalize from a monetary standpoint the people attending the NYSIB meetings, but instead are trying to convince the people in attendance that our Government is no good.

HANS SANTESSON exhibited copies of letters written by the Washington Saucer Intelligence to the President, to the Chief of Staff of the Air Force and to Congressmen; in the past two years, all which letters are critical of the Air Force and the Government for maintaining secrecy and withholding information concerning unidentified flying objects. SANTESSON also furnished two pamphlets entitled "Thy Kingdom Come" published by the Los Angeles Interplanetary Study Groups of which GABRIEL GREEN is Chairman. A review of these two publications reflects that they are published at 2004 North Hoover Street, Los Angeles 27, California. The pamphlets were issue number five and issue number six dated June and December, 1957, respectively.

A review of the December, 1957 pamphlet reflects that it is a complete booklet on prior choice economics.

SANTESSON also furnished a publication entitled "UFO -Mation" published by the NYSIB, May 7, 1958, as well as

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a copy of the publications dated April 15, 1958, and April 21, 1958. In the April 15, 1958 copy a letter was directed to the Office of the District Director, United States Treasury and Internal Revenue Department, 484 Lexington Avenue, New York City. This letter was a critical type letter criticizing the Air Force spending millions of dollars and holding back information from the American people. The letter also reflects a critical attitude toward the country's nuclear test and a statement made by DOUGLAS DEANE "I have seen a lot of the photostated documented evidence and if the FBI and the Air Force are allowed to get away with what they are doing, there is no knowing where this may lead us".

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SANDERSON and SANTESSON in conclusion, both advised that they felt that the New York Saucer Information Bureau was a possible Communist Front organization inasmuch as recent material published by this bureau and special guests at this bureau's meetings, have indicated to them that the meetings are just being held under the guise of information concerning unidentified flying objects but in reality are meetings being used to expand the COMMUNIST PARTY line.

Both SANDERSON and SANTESSON advised that they would be willing to cooperate with the FBI in any manner in furnishing information in their possession concerning any of the individuals mentioned by them or concerning the NYSIB.

The above information is being submitted to the Bureau, New York, Chicago and Los Angeles Offices for information purposes and no further action is contemplated in this matter by the Newark Office.